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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, PO

SUBJ: RESTORATION OF MAAG FUNDING

REFS: (A) USCINCEUR 051704Z AUG 75 (ALSO SENT SECDEF)

(B) LISBON 3769 AND PREVIOUS

SUMMARY: USMAAG-PORTUGAL HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT MORE THAN HALF ITS PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN FUNDED. THIS CABLE REQUESTS THAT EFFORT BE MADE TO RESTORE THE FUNDS. END SUMMARY.

1. CHIEF MAAG WAS NOTIFIED BY USCINCEUR (REF A) THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF A PRESIDENTIAL DTERMINATION ON 505 (F) OF THE FAA, NO MATERIAL LINES FOR FY 75 MAP FOR PORTUGAL HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE FUNDED. ALL MAP FUNDS MUST BE OBLIGATED BY 30 JUNE OF THE FISCAL YEAR FOR WHICH APPROPRIATED. NOTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 505(F) OF FAA, A PREREQUISITE TO THE PD, WAS NOT MADE UNTIL 3 JULY BY REF B. ALTHOUGH NOTE FROM GOP WAS RECEIVED JULY 3 , IT DATED JUNE 30.

2. THE FUNDS INVOLVED ARE THE FOLLOWING: AIR FORCE MATERIAL (INLCUDING REQUIRED SAFETY OF FLIGHT MODIFICATIONS AND TRAINING AIDS/PUBLICATIONS) 95 THOUSAND, NAVY MATERIAL 225 THOUSAND, AND ARMY TRAINING AIDS. PUBLICATIONS 193 THOUSAND. THIS REPRESENTS MORE THAN HALF THE FY 75 GRANT AID PROGRAM.
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THE REMAINING TRAINING PROGRAM IS 231 THOUSAND. IN ADDITION

THE ARMY TRAINING AID MONEY WOULD HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE FOR REPROGRAMMING TO TRAINING OF PERSONNEL, A KEY SOURCE OF US INFLUENCE.

3. PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS OF THE PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES HAVE BEEN SEEKING MORE ASSISTANCE FROM THE MAAG IN THE RECENT PAST THAN AT ANY TIME SINCE APRIL 25, 1974. AT A MOMENT WHEN THE NON-COMMUNISTS IN PORTUGAL ARE SHOWING A WILLINGNESS TO STAND UP AND BE COUNTED, THE DE FACTO WITHDRAWAL OF LONG STANDING U.S. ASSISTANCE CAN ONLY BE A STRONG NEGATIVE SIGNAL FROM US. THE SITUATION WILL BE WORSE YET IF THE ANTUNES GROUPS WINS THE PRESENT POWER STRUGGLE AND THE US IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE THIS ASSISTANCE.

4. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT WASHINGTON AGENCIES DISCUSS MATTER WITH AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI DURING HIS CURRENT CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON, WITH VIEW TO RESTORING THESE FUNDS.
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